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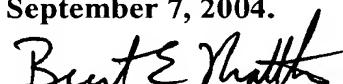
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Title: HIGHLY VERSATILE
PROCESS CONTROL
SYSTEM CONTROLLER

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AMENDMENT A

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This Amendment A is in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begins on Page 12 of this Amendment.